

OPINION 599

**BOLITOCHARA MANNERHEIM, 1831 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS**

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831, made prior to the present Ruling, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Aleochara pulchra* Gravenhorst, 1806, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:—

(a) *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Aleochara pulchra* Gravenhorst, 1806 (Name No. 1417);

(b) *Zyras* Stephens, 1835 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Aleochara haworthi* Stephens, 1832 (Name No. 1418).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:—

(a) *pulchra* Gravenhorst, 1806, as published in the binomen *Aleochara pulchra* (type-species of *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831) (Name No. 1730);

(b) *haworthi* Stephens, 1832, as published in the binomen *Aleochara haworthi* (type-species of *Zyras* Stephens, 1835) (Name No. 1731).

(4) The name **BOLITOCHARINI** (correction of **BOLITOCHARIDES**) Thomson, 1859 (type-genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name No. 296.

(5) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:—

(a) the following erroneous subsequent spellings for *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831:

(i) *Balitochara* Hamilton, 1894 (Name No. 1482);

(ii) *Boletochara* Westwood, 1838 (Name No. 1483);

(iii) *Bolitachara* Mulsant & Rey, 1872 (Name No. 1484);

(iv) *Bolithochara* Laporte, 1835 (Name No. 1485);

(v) *Bolitothaga* Mulsant & Rey, 1874 (Name No. 1486);

(vi) *Bolotochara* Mulsant & Rey, 1872 (Name No. 1487);

(b) the following erroneous subsequent spellings for *Zyras* Stephens, 1835:

(i) *Lyrus* Brullé, 1837 (Name No. 1488);

(ii) *Zyrus* Cameron, 1939 (Name No. 1489).

(6) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:—

(a) **BOLITOCHARIDES** Thomson, 1859 (type-genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831) (an incorrect original spelling for **BOLITOCHARINI**) (Name No. 328);

(b) **BOLITOCHARINA** Sharp, 1883 (type-genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831)

(an erroneous subsequent spelling for BOLITOCARINI) (Name No. 329);

(c) BOLITOCARINES Mulsant & Rey, 1871 (type-genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831) (an erroneous subsequent spelling for BOLITOCARINI) (Name No. 330);

(d) BOLITOCARINATES Mulsant & Rey, 1871 (type-genus *Bolitochara* Mannerheim, 1831) (an erroneous subsequent spelling for BOLITOCARINI) (Name No. 331).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 243)

The present case was submitted in January 1947 by Mr. C. E. Tottenham, through the Committee on Generic Nomenclature of the Royal Entomological Society. An application was prepared which was sent to the printer on 14 July, 1959 and was published on 15 December 1959 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 69-71. Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 51-56).

Support for Mr. Tottenham's proposals was received from E. C. Pelham-Clinton (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 198), A. A. Allen, C. G. Seever and H. Last (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 322).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 October 1960 the Members of the Commission were asked to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (60)15, either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 70-71. At the close of the Voting Period on 13 January 1961 the state of the voting was as follows :

Affirmative Votes—twenty-two (22), received in the following order : Hering, Riley, Holthuis, Mayr, Prantl, do Amaral, Dymond, Lemche, Vokes, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Key, Alvarado, Uchida, Stoll, Evans, Kühnelt, Bonnet, Brinck, Tortonese, Miller, Poll.

Negative Votes—one (1) : Mertens.

On Leave of Absence—one (1) : Bradley.

Late Affirmative Votes were received from Commissioners Boschma and Hemming.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion.

Bolitochara Hamilton, 1894, *Trans. Amer. ent. Soc.* 21 : 365

Boletochara Westwood, 1838, *Introd. mod. Classif. Ins.* (Synopsis) : 20

Bolitachara Mulsant & Rey, 1872, *Ann. Soc. linn. Lyon* (2) 19 : 215

Bolithochara Laporte, 1835, *Etudes ent.* : 136

Bolitochara Mannerheim, 1831, *Mém. Acad. imp. Sci. St. Pétersb.* 1(5) : 489

BOLITOCARINES Mulsant & Rey, 1871, *Ann. Soc. linn. Lyon* (2) 19 (1872) : 91

BOLITOCARINATES Mulsant & Rey, 1871, *Ann. Soc. linn. Lyon* (2) 19 (1872) : 92

BOLITOCCHARIDES Thomson, 1859, an incorrect original spelling for BOLITOCCHARINI

BOLITOCCHARINA Sharp, 1883, *Biol. centr.-Amer.* 1(2) : 240

BOLITOCCHARINI Thomson, 1859, *Skand. Col.* 1 : 31

Bolitophaga Mulsant & Rey, 1874, *Ann. Soc. agric. Lyon* (4) 6 : 295

Bolotochara Mulsant & Rey, 1872, *Hist. nat. Col. France* (Brév., Aléo.) : 210
haworthi, *Aleochara*, Stephens, 1832, *Ill. brit. Ent. (Mand.)* 5 : 126

Lyrus Brullé, 1837, *Hist. nat. Ins.* 6 (Col. 3) : 108

pulchra, *Aleochara*, Gravenhorst, 1806, *Mon. Coleopt. micr.* : 164

Zyras Stephens, 1835, *Ill. brit. Ins. (Mand.)* 5 : 430

Zyrus Cameron, 1939, *Fauna brit. Ind., Col. Staph.* 4(2) : 688

CERTIFICATE

WE certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (60)15 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, under the plenary powers and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 599.

N. D. RILEY
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
 23 January 1961